

I CLAIM:

1. A short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit comprising:
a switching unit for obtaining input signals,
a comparator including a first input terminal coupled to said
5 switching unit, an output terminal, and a second input terminal, and
including an internal voltage,
a control transistor coupled between said switching unit and
said second input terminal of said comparator, to define input time
of the input signals, and
10 means for detecting a voltage difference between said first and
said second input terminal of said comparator,
said comparator comparing the voltage difference between said
first and said second input terminal of said comparator and internal
voltage of said comparator, to determine a short-circuit or overload
15 situation.
2. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed
in claim 1, wherein said switching unit includes a first transistor
coupled to said first input terminal of said comparator to obtain one
of the input signals, and a second transistor coupled to said control
20 transistor to obtain the other input signal.
3. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed
in claim 1, wherein said switching unit is a CMOS having a pMOS
and an nMOS.
4. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed
25 in claim 1, wherein said detecting means includes a detecting
resistor coupled between said first and said second input terminals
of said comparator, to generate and provide two voltage signals to
said first and said second input terminals of said comparator

respectively.

5 5. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a divider resistor coupled between said control transistor and said second input terminal of said comparator, to divide the signals.

6. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed in claim 1 further comprising a load resistor coupled to said first input terminal of said comparator and ground.

10 7. A short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit comprising:
a switching unit including a first and a second switching transistors for obtaining first and second input signals respectively,
a first and a second control transistors coupled to said first and said second switching transistors of said switching unit respectively,
a first and a second comparators each including a first and a
15 second input terminals and an output terminal, said first input terminal of said first comparator being coupled to said first control transistor via a first resistor, said second input terminal of said second comparator being coupled to said second control transistor via a second resistor, and
20 a first and a second detecting resistors coupled between said first input terminal of said first comparator and said second input terminal of said second comparator, to actuate either said first or said second comparator to output control signals.

25 8. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed in claim 7, wherein said first switching transistor is a pMOS, and said second switching transistor is an nMOS.

9. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as claimed in claim 7 further comprising an overcurrent control means for

switching off said short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit when receiving said output control signals from either said first or said second comparator.

10. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as
5 claimed in claim 9, wherein said overcurrent control means includes an OR gate coupled between said first and said second comparators.

11. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as
claimed in claim 10, wherein said overcurrent control means further
includes a first and a second control circuits coupled to said first
10 and said second switching transistors of said switching unit
respectively, and coupled to said OR gate.

12. A short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit comprising:
a first detecting circuit including a first and a second input
terminals for obtaining first and second input signals respectively,
15 a second detecting circuit including a first and a second input
terminals for obtaining third and fourth input signals respectively,
and

a load coupled between said first and said second detecting
circuits.

20 13. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as
claimed in claim 12, wherein said first and said second input signals
of said first detecting circuit are in phase, and said third and said
fourth input signals of said second detecting circuit are in phase.

14. The short-circuit detecting and protecting circuit as
25 claimed in claim 12, wherein either said first or said second input
signal of said first detecting circuit is opposite in phase to either
said third or said fourth input signal of said second detecting circuit.